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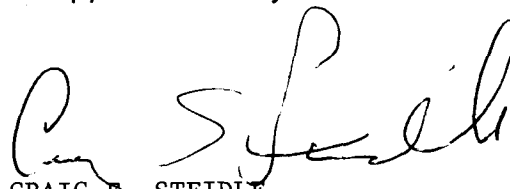
From: Commander, Naval Air Systems Command

Subj: FLEET TECHNICAL SERVICES SUPPORT OF NAVAIR COGNIZANT
AIRCRAFT LAUNCH AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT

1. Purpose. To assign responsibility for technical support and on-site technical assistance for material under the cognizance of the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters (NAVAIRHQ), Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) Program Manager Air (PMA251).
2. Cancellation. This instruction replaces NAVAIRINST 5400.146 of 8 June 1990. Since this is a major revision, changes are not indicated.
3. Scope. This instruction applies to all United States Navy (USN), United States Marine Corps (USMC), and Department of Defense (DoD) contractor shipboard or shore-based aircraft operating facilities, regardless of size, which utilize shipboard or shore-based ALRE and visual/optical landing aids systems.
4. Background. PMA251 is responsible for the development, test, procurement, and integrated logistic support of all ALRE and related equipment throughout their entire life cycle. This includes catapults, arresting gear, helicopter landing systems, visual landing aids, wind measuring, and flight deck lighting equipment. Since aircraft launching and recovery systems are mission essential, rapid and reliable field technical support must be provided. The task of providing this technical expertise is assigned to the Fleet Technical Services (FTS) Division Head, Code 4.8.11, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst (NAVAIRWARCENACDIVLKE).
5. Responsibility. PMA251 will provide qualified technical personnel at field offices established at key locations to provide technical assistance to users of Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) cognizant ALRE. This responsibility includes the following:
 - a. Ensure that NAVAIR cognizant ALRE and installations are compatible with the requirements of the fleet and appropriate shore activities.
 - b. Provide technical assistance ashore and afloat to correct deficiencies, train on-site personnel, and assist with the repair, calibration, and test of ALRE.

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- c. Conduct certification or other inspections as tasked.
 - d. Assist type commanders in the formulation of overhaul planning and monitoring progress with shipyards and Voyage Repair Teams assigned to PMA251 at designated naval aviation depots.
6. Personnel Mobility. Personnel assigned to FTS positions can expect to be rotated between established field offices based upon the needs for these services.
7. Request for Technical Assistance
- a. NAVAIRWARCENACDIVLKE field service technicians, collectively referred to as the FTS representatives, are assigned to a specialty in one of three functional groups as follows:
 - (1) Carrier and Field Service Unit (CAFSU).
 - (2) Aeronautical Shipboard Installations Representative (ASIR).
 - (3) Expeditionary Airfield Service Unit (EASU).
 - b. Technical assistance for NAVAIR cognizant equipment should be requested by message or letter to the appropriate type or area commander with information copies to PMA251 and NAVAIRWARCENACDIVLKE.
8. Action. FTS technicians will submit reports via their local supervisor to NAVAIRWARCENACDIVLKE. Upon receipt by NAVAIRWARCENACDIVLKE, the report will be processed, printed, and distributed to all commands concerned so as to arrive in PMA251 within 60 days of initiation by the field technician. Reports involving interface areas between the various systems commands will be forwarded to their respective headquarters.
9. Reports. NAVAIR 5400-1 Report Control Symbol (RCS) is assigned to the FTS Report required by paragraph 8 above and is approved for 3 years from the date of this instruction.


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